

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/665,794

Examiner: J. BLACKWELL

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Docket No.: 115031

For: LINKING INFORMATION MAKING DEVICE, LINKING INFORMATION MAKING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED A LINKING INFORMATION MAKING PROGRAM, AND DOCUMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM THEREWITH

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the September 21, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Salgado (U.S. Patent No. 5,872,569). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Specifically, Applicants assert that Salgado fails to disclose at least a "service list," as recited in independent claims 1-3, 9, and 11.

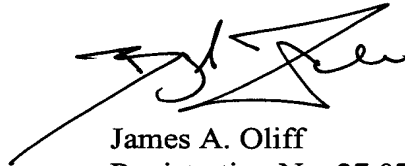
The Office Action, on page 3, lines 9-13, acknowledges that Salgado fails to disclose a "service list," as recited in claims 1-3, 9, and 11, but alleges that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to conclude that such a service list would have at least been constructible from the taught capability/attribute sets downloaded to the application server for each device of Salgado. The Office Action, however, fails to provide documentary evidence supporting this allegation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to construct a service list in a job ticket programming system of Salgado. Also, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide documentary evidence or an affidavit or declaration setting forth specific factual statements and explanation to support the allegation.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-3, 9, and 11 define patentable subject matter. Claims 4-8 and 12-13 depend from claims 1 and 11, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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